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Mr. John M. Becher Appalachian Mountain Advocates P. O. Box 507 Lewisburg, WV. 24901

Subject: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Number: EPA-HQ-2014-005737

Dear Mr. Becher:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated April 21, 2014, requesting "a copy of the review comments submitted by Dr. Charles Menzie on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's March 2011 report entitled A Field-Based Aquatic Life Benchmark for Conductivity in Central Appalachian Streams."

The National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) has been assigned the lead to respond to your FOIA request within the Office of Research and Development (ORD). The comments by Dr. Charles Menzie are attached.

This completes EPA's response to your request. You may appeal this response to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.A. (2822T), Washington, D.C. 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only) Fax (202) 566-2147, E-mail hq.foia@epa.gov or via FOIA online:

https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Room 6416J, Washington, D.C. 20004. Your appeal must be in writing and submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30-calendar day limit. The appeal letter should include the case identification: EPA-HQ-2014-005737. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

for Jank. Yall

Dr. Kenneth Olden

Center Director

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